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FOR AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT MOBUTU

1. YOU SHOULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
PRESIDENT MOBUTU.

2. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I HAVE JUST COMPLETED MY DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME
MINISTER VORSTER AND THE RHODESIANS AND WANT TO TAKE
THIS EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO LET YOU KNOW WHERE MATTERS
STAND.

THE NEGOTIATIONS I CONDUCTED WERE LONG AND DIFFICULT
BUT THE OUTCOME WAS POSITIVE. WE HAVE MADE REAL
PROGRESS TOWARDS A REASONABLE SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA
AND A RESOLUTION OF THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. WHEN WE
MEET TOMORROW I WILL GIVE YOU A COMPLETE PICTURE OF WHAT
HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

WITH REGARD TO RHODESIA I REVIEWED WITH IAN
SMITH AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS RHODESIAN PARTY THE
FRAMEWORK OF A SETTLEMENT WHICH WE DEVELOPED IN
CONSULTATION WITH THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS AND THE
BRITISH AND WHICH I HAVE COMMUNICATED TO YOU. SMITH
AGREED TO RETURN TO SALISBURY AND REPORT FAVORABLY
TO HIS COLLEAGUES. HE HAS PROMISED ME AN ANSWER LATER

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THIS WEEK.

CONCERNING NAMIBIA PRIME MINISTER VORSTER AND
I DISCUSSED THE BASIS FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT
AND OUR TALKS REGISTERED, IN MY JUDGMENT, REAL PROGRESS.
I LEFT PRETORIA ENCOURAGED BY THE PROSPECTS FOR RHODESIA
AND NAMIBIA AND BELIEVE THAT THESE SUBJECTS-SO
IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF YOUR CONTINENT- ARE ON
THEIR WAY TO RESOLUTION.

I COULD NOT HAVE COME THIS FAR OR ACHIEVED
SIMILAR RESULTS WITHOUT THE WISE COUNSEL AND EFFECTIVE
SUPPORT WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN ME. THE TIME IS NOW
RIGHT FOR STATESMEN LIKE YOURSELF TO JUDGE THE RESULTS
AND, IF YOU FIND THEY SERVE AFRICA'S INTERESTS, ACT TO
MAKE SURE THAT A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION IS REACHED, AND
THAT NEITHER NAMIBIA NOR RHODESIA BECOME AN EXCUSE FOR OUTSIDE
INTERVENTION.

WITH WARM REGARDS,
HENRY A. KISSINGER.
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